sick MSEs identified as potentially viable. RBI has also issued guidelines on 8th September 2005, based on the "Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)" announced by the Central Government on 10th August 2005. These guidelines relate, *inter alia*, to viability criteria, prudential norms for restructured accounts, provision of additional finance and time frame for working out the restructuring package and its implementation. Further, based on the recommendations of the Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.C. Chakrabarty, the then Chairman and Managing Director, Punjab National Bank, the RBI has advised all scheduled commercial banks on May 4, 2009 to consider, for speedy implementation, the recommendations made with regard to timely and adequate flow of credit to the MSE sector. The Banks have also been advised to apply the RBI's guidelines on debt restructuring optimally and in letter and spirit and put in place their own non-discretionary one-time settlement (OTS) policy for this sector.

Strengthening of rail security

247. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplates to strengthen railway network in the wake of recent incident of blockage of Rajdhani Express by Maoists;

(b) if so, the details of the measures being considered necessary for safety of passengers;

(c) whether Government has also identified sensitive and important railway stations in the naxal affected States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) According to Entry No.2 of the State List of the Constitution of India, 'Police' (including Railways and Village Police) is a State subject. Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigations and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore the statutory responsibility of the State Police, which they discharge through the Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. Therefore, the concerned State Governments have been requested to take effective steps to prevent such incidents for smooth functioning of Railways. However, following measures have been taken by the Railways to assist the State Government:-

1. The trains are being escorted by armed parties of Railway Protection Force (RPF)/ Government Railway Police (GRP).

2. Pilot engines are being run before vulnerable trains as per the advise of Police authorities;

3. Regular co-ordination meetings are being conducted to optimize the efforts of Police, Central Para Military Forces and RPF;

4. All possible assistance in mobilizing Forces at any remote stations is provided to State Government Administration.

(c) and (d) Security of sensitive areas and Railway stations situated in such areas is coordinated and monitored with the respective State Governments and Ministry of Home Affairs.